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Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING DEPOSITED WITH THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE AS FIRST CLASS MAIL IN AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO: COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

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PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 CFR 1/136(a))

This is a petition for an extension of the time to respond to the Official Action mailed on August 7, 1998 for a period of one month. The applicant is a small entity and a verified statement has already been filed. An extension fee for a small entity for one month is \$55.00 and a check in that amount is enclosed. Please charge any excess fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 50-0407. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: December 7, 1998

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